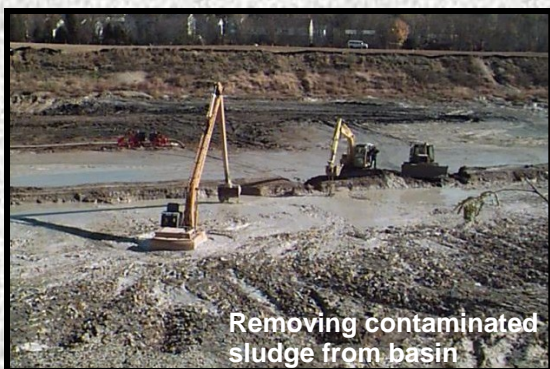




Superfund Redevelopment Breathing New Life into Old Waste Sites Spring 2005

Avtex Fibers Site - Future Home of "Royal Phoenix" Front Royal, Warren County, VA



Removing contaminated
sludge from basin

The Avtex Fibers Superfund site occupies 440 acres along the South Fork of the Shenandoah River in Front Royal, Va., about 70 miles west of Washington D.C.



Clean basin is now a
restored wetland habitat

The Past

The Avtex site was home to a rayon fiber manufacturing facility for 49 years. Manufacturing operations ceased in 1989, leaving behind a legacy of contaminated soil, sludge and groundwater.

The Future

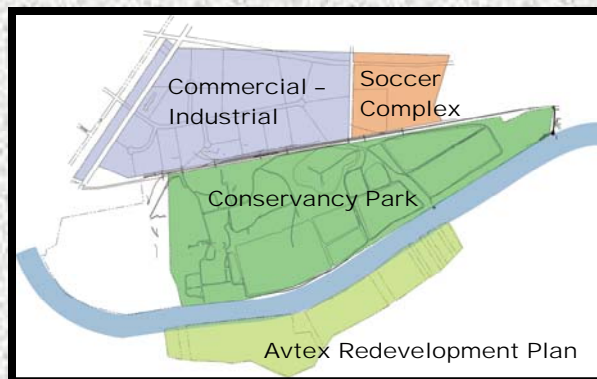
The redevelopment plan, pictured right, includes a 240-acre conservancy park along the Shenandoah River, a 35-acre soccer complex, and a 165-acre mixed use commercial/light industrial park, known as "Royal Phoenix", that will focus on the technology and hospitality industries.

The Impact

The conservancy park will restore native wildlife habitats while providing numerous recreational opportunities for the local community and visitors. The technology and hospitality center will generate jobs and tax revenue for the Front Royal and Warren County communities.

EPA's Role

EPA is overseeing the environmental cleanup of the Avtex site being performed by the FMC Corporation. Through its Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, EPA provided \$100,000 to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Front Royal-Warren County to plan the industrial/commercial reuse of the site. EPA has also enlisted the support of the U.S. Soccer Foundation to turn a portion of the land into community soccer fields. EPA continues to select cleanup plans and work closely with the EDA, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and FMC Corporation to return the entire site to productive use as quickly as possible.



Avtex Redevelopment Plan

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For general information about EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Program, visit our website at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle>.



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